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TEHRAN: PLEASE PASS TO SECRETARY SHULTZ'S AIRCRAFT.

FOL SENT ACTION USMISSION NATO OTTAWA SEPTEMBER 27, 1973
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1. CANADIAN MINISTER WILLIAMSON CALLED ON DEPARTMENT
SEPTEMBER 25 TO REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF US MILITARY
BOP FIGURES PROVIDED TO BURDENSARING STUDY GROUP (REF A).
WILLIAMSON WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE INCLUSION OF THE
BILATERAL MILITARY BOP BETWEEN THE US AND CANADA IN THE
BURDENSARING FIGURES. WE ASSURED HIM THAT THOSE
BILATERAL FIGURES WERE INCLUDED ONLY TO ILLUSTRATE THE
MAGNITUDE OF THE US MILITARY BOP DEFICIT. THE
CANADIAN ACCOUNT HAS BEEN SHOWN CONSISTENTLY AS A
SEPARATE LINE ENTRY ON OUR CHARTS AND IS NOT INCLUDED
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IN THE "EUROPEAN NATO" TOTALS. WE WISH TO DIRECT

NATO'S ATTENTION TO THE PROJECTED DOLS 2.7 BILLION US
EXPENDITURES IN EUROPE IN FY 74 TO MAINTAIN THE CURRENT
LEVELS OF OUR FORCES IN EUROPE.

2. WILLIAMSON ALSO MADE INQUIRIES ALONG THE LINE
PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED IN BRUSSELS (PARA 5, REF B). HE
POINTED OUT THAT THE EARLIER VERSION OF REF A HAD ASKED
"EUROPEAN MEMBERS" OF THE ALLIANCE TO COVER US NATO-RELATED
MILITARY BOP DEFICIT AND THAT CANADA INTERPRETED THAT TO

EXCLUDE ANY CONTRIBUTION BY GOC TO MULTILATERAL OFFSET.
HE WAS CONCERNED THAT THIS LANGUAGE HAD BEEN CHANGED
ON SEPTEMBER 19 TO INDICATE PARTICIPATION WAS EXPECTED
BY ALL NATO MEMBERS. WE POINTED OUT THAT US OBVIOUSLY
WAS NOT RPT NOT IN POSITION UNILATERALLY TO INDICATE
WHICH ALLIES SHOULD CONTRIBUTE AND WHICH MIGHT BE
"EXCUSED". BURDENSARING SOLUTION SHOULD BE WORKED OUT
BY ALLIANCE AS A WHOLE. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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